Projects for small and medium towns

†578. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated many projects for development of small and medium towns;

(b) if so, the number of projects sanctioned during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the amount allocated for these projects and actual amount spent on these projects during each of said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of towns/projects sanctioned under the Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme during the last three years is as under:—

Year	No. of Towns
1999-2000	60
2000-2001	53
2001-2002	114

(c) the Central assistance released and expenditure reported by the State Governments during the last three years is as under:—

(*Rs. in Lakhs*)

Year	Central Assistance Released (Ongoing+New towns)	Expenditure reported
1999-2000	4346.00	6930.75
2000-2001	5617.00	5935.73
2001-2002	7570.90	5095.13

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